



Corvette ANNAPOLIS

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RULES AND PRECAUTIONS FOR CARS IN CAVARANS [aka Rules of the Road]

Corvette Annapolis endorses safe driving in all of our events. We plan trips that adhere to proper safe driving practices, as well as for the enjoyment of our drivers. We encourage all of our members to always drive safely. Members are responsible for their own road safety on trips. Obey all driving laws.

CARAVAN ROAD RULES

1. Please meet on time at the rendezvous or designated meeting area. Ensure you sign the waiver.

- Arrive with a full tank of fuel.
- Bring an **FRS/GMRS two-way radio** tuned to **Channel 15**, and extra batteries.
- Be ready to leave on time. Attend the **Drivers' Meeting**.
- Advise the **Event Host** in advance if you are going to meet the group along the route.

2. The Event Host most often (but not always) leads the caravan.

- The Event Host should be prepared to hand out written driving instructions, and have a short Drivers' Meeting to have NCCC waivers signed, explain the route, review radio formats, and discuss safety precautions.
- Recommend that one or more additional drivers know the route.
- The planned route should allow for rest stops and avoid rest areas or stops which require the caravan to cross oncoming traffic.
- Recommend a radio-check prior to drivers being staged so that radios can be dispersed evenly throughout the length of the caravan.

3. The Event Host should verbally arrange the cars into the caravan lineup for the trip.

Considerations should include:

- Assign the **Tail** car, which is responsible to stay in contact with the **Lead** car in congested areas and let the **Lead** car know all cars have cleared a controlled intersection, as well as advise the **Lead** car if the pace is too fast or too slow.
- A caravan of just twenty cars can stretch over 1-2 miles of highway. If there are more than twenty cars for the event, consider breaking up the caravan into two or more groups, each with a **Lead** and **Tail** car.
- Intersperse radio cars within the group if necessary.

4. Use common courtesy when departing the meeting or stopping areas.



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- Allow the cars which have assigned duties to take their respective positions.
- Unassigned cars should depart when their assigned **Lead** car departs.

5. Underway rules:

- It is important to clear your vision up and ahead. It is all too easy to end up just watching the car in front of you, instead of looking ahead to see where the road is going and what lies ahead in traffic.
- The group should travel in the MIDDLE lane or the RIGHT lane on a freeway or highway so as not to obstruct the flow of traffic. This is not a race.
- Drive with your RUNNING LIGHTS ON for safety and identification.
- The **Lead** car will set the pace for the caravan, but each driver must make their own decision on lane and speed changes.
- Use the 3-SECOND RULE to maintain adequate separation.
- If you need to pass a caravan car – feel free to do so. But be safe reentering the line.
- When traveling through congested areas, parts of the group may become separated. Don't worry about it. The **Lead** car will adjust speed so everyone can catch up. It can be difficult to a caravan together in heavy traffic. Regroup when that part of the trip is over.
- If you need to pull over and do not have a radio, do so and turn on the 4-way FLASHERS. The **Tail** car will stop behind you to render assistance.
- Please be careful and considerate of both caravan and other drivers if backing into a parking space.